

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see page 1, second paragraph, filed 01 October 2009, with respect to claim 45 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 102(b) rejection of 09 July 2009 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 32 – 44 are allowed.

Election/Restrictions

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claim 16 – 29 directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on 27 November 2007. **Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the date of this letter, whichever is longer, to cancel the noted claims or take other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144).** Failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the noted claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted since this application will be passed to issue.

The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KAREN JANE J. AMORES whose telephone number is (571)272-6212. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Dickson can be reached on (571)-272-7742. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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